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SUBJ: FREQUENT WIND

1. DURING MEETING WITH GENERALS KRIT SIWARA AND KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN APRIL 25, CHARGE PROVIDED THEM WITH GENERAL OUTLINE OF FREQUENT WIND. AS TO THE ROLE OF THAILAND THEY WERE INFORMED THAT SOME OF THE HELICOPTERS INVOLVED IN OPTION IV MIGHT BE STAGED OUT OF U.S. BASES IN THAILAND. THEY WERE ALSO ADVISED THAT SOME EVACUEES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING LIMITED NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE NATIONALS, MIGHT BE STAGED THROUGH THAILAND.

2. KRIT AND KRIANGSAK WERE CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY U.S. MIGHT STAGE ANY VIETNAMESE THROUGH THAILAND. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT IN SUCH CASE, VIETNAMESE SHOULD TRANSIT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT OF THAI PUBLIC. THEY THEREFORE DO NOT REPEAT NOT WISH ANY EVACUEES TO STAGE THROUGH BANGKOK'S DON MUANG AIRPORT. THEY DESIGNATED U TAPAO AND UBON AS BASES THROUGH WHICH ANY VIETNAMESE SHOULD STAGE QUICKLY IN AND OUT OF THAILAND, WITH POSSIBLE USE OF THAKHLI AS BACK-UP IF NECESSARY.

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3. KRIT AND KRIANGSAK EMPHASIZED THAT SUPREME COMMAND

ALONE WOULD HANDLE MATTER ON THAI SIDE. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN UP WITH CIVILIAN DEPARTMENTS OF RTG.

4. COMMENT: WE PROPOSE TO FOLLOW KRIT'S ADVICE AND HOLD NO DISCUSSIONS OF FREQUENT WIND WITH OTHER ELEMENTS RTG AT THIS TIME. WE HOPE FEW OR NO VIETNAMESE EVACUEES WILL IN FACT BE PROCESSED THROUGH THAILAND, AND THAT ANY WHO ARE WILL BE MOVED ONWARD IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT DELAYS FOR DOCUMENTATION ETC. IF FREQUENT WIND IS PUT INTO EFFECT AND IF IT INVOLVES MOVEMENT OF ANY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE THROUGH THAILAND, WE WILL AT THAT TIME FIND WAY TO INFORM RTG CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP OF DETAILS OF HUMANITARIAN EVACUATION.
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